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GOOD FOR \$1,360 YESTERDAY, AND NO TROUBLE GETTING IT.

Mr. Hell of Georgia and Mr. Hunter of Virginia Responded to the Strangers They Met, Just as if They'd Rehearsed the Part-One Bunco Man Caught.

Two Southerners who had just set foot on their native soil after working for many months on a new South American railroad fell into the hands of confidence men yesterday and promptly turned over to them the \$1,360 for which they had toiled and skimped in Ecuador. The trick employed to swindle them was as old as the oldest street in New York, but it worked like a charm just the same. The novelty of the incident was that one of the "grafters" was caught under circumstances which probably will secure him free board and lodging at the expense of the city for some

The victims were Frank M. Bell of Gainsville, Ga., and W. S. Hunter of Goshen, Va. For eleven months Bell has worked as conductor on a construction train on the Guyaquil and Quito Railroad. Hunter worked as a section hand. They reached New York on Tuesday night and on Wednesday cashed pay checks respectively for \$1,190 and \$170.

They were very careful after that, having heard of the wiles and dangers to which heard of the wiles and dangers to which the unsophisticated were exposed here. They didn't drink and they distrusted everybody and they were going home by train last night. But first they wanted to buy some clothes. About noon they were standing in front of a tailor's, near Union Square, each man holding a hand in the pocket where his wad rested, when a well-dressed stranger slapped Bell on the shoulder with a joyful, "Hello, Brown, old man!"

Promptly, as if he had read the news-papers with a special view of training him-self for such an occasion, Bell turned round to reply: "My name ain't Brown—it's

"Oh, aren't you Mr. Brown from Osh-kosh?" asked the stranger, and Bell, still faithful to the part assigned to him by fate, answered at once, "I am from Gains-ville, Ga."

The stranger begged pardon and disappeared, and five minutes later the two Southerners, still on Broadway, were met by the other stranger, equally well dressed and jolly-faced, who might have been excepted.

pected.
"Well, well, well," he cried when he was still many feet away. "If this isn't Mr. Bell of Gainsville, I'll declare myself the

leadest duck in the pond."

The rest followed the rules. The stranger and relatives in Gainsville, remembered Bell and wanted to send some presents by him to these relatives. Thus he got Bell and Hunter to his "office" in a furnished room house at 210 East Seventeenth street. room house at 210 Last seventeenth street.
They were joined by a second man, a Kentuckian, who said he was here buying up mules for the British Government, and produced a tremendous roll of paper, cut like bills and having a \$10 or two for outlike bills and having a \$10 or two for outside cover. And, of course, the first thing the Kentuckian did was to challenge the stranger who remembered Bell to a game of cards, and when he hesitated, and stranger No. 2 insisted, Bell and Hunter became interested, and before they quite knew what they were about had pulled out their rolls and placed them on the table before them.

before them.

Then things began to happen with bewildering swiftness. The Kentuckian grabbed the two rolls of bills, a third accomplice appeared, received the booty and vanished and the Southerners were left struggling with the first two confidence men. Nobody would have been caught, but Hunter, rushing into the street, had the luck of running straight into the arms of Detectives Doolady, Frazer and O' Rourke of the Central Office, and they found Bell still clinging to the quasi-Ken-tuckian, who on seeing the detectives at

He said he was Frank Palmer, a travelling salesman of 25 West 104th street. In the Jefferson Market police court he was held for further examination. The "Steerer" made good his according to the said of the sai made good his escape.

once gave up further resistance.

GREEN GOODS AND TELEGRAMS. Western Union Employees Arrested

Manager John B. Bertholf of the Western Union Telegraph Company in Jersey City and Isaac Kershaw, who has charge of the branch telegraph office at Ocean and Danforth avenues, that city, were arrested yesterday on complaint of Chief of Police betting green goods men in their ewindling operations.

Bertholf and Kershaw were held in \$500 bail by Police Justice Hoos for the Grand

Bertholf was indicted on Tuesday for

aiding and abetting green goods swindlers who received telegrams from "come-ons" WRIT TO GET HIS SWEETHEART.

Miss Kinntoutt Smuggies Out a Note Saving Mother Has Shut Her Up.

Ernest Book got a writ of habous corpus legires to marry him. He avers that Mrs. Film Kinnicutt mother of the girl, is keeping her at their house, 517 West Thirtieth street, guarded from visitors and not permitting her to leave the premises. The citting her to leave the premises. The mother is required to produce the girl modey. The girl is 10 years old.

Hook, who is 25 years of ago, declares but he is able to maintain a wife, and that

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THE "DECLARATION" IS NO MORE. The Text and the Signatures to the Original Copy Have Faded Away.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21,-The original copy of the Declaration of Independence is no more. The stirring text and the signatures of the members of the Continental Congress have faded away. This precious document is preserved in a cabinet in the State Department Library, but it is now practically nothing more than a large sheet of parchment. Part of the words, "Declaration of Independence," which were written in large letters with many ornamental flourishes, are decipherable, but not a signature is visible to the naked eye. One hardly discernible stroke of John Hancock's pen is all that remains of his bold and vigorous autograph, which he purposely made large, so as to show the British Government that

he had no fear of being known. The Declaration is preserved in a narrow drawer, glass covered, which slides in a steel safe with heavy double doors, locked by a combination. After its removal to the State Department from Independence Hall in Philadelphia, where the Continental Congress held its session on July 4, 1776, the Declaration was placed in a glass case and exposed to the view of visitors. Owing to the strong light to which it was subjected it began to fade, and it was then removed to the drawer in which it is now preserved. This was several years ago. The fading continued, however, until now the noted document is nothing more, apparently, then a mere blank sheet of paper.

Jefferson's original draft of the Declara tion, with insertions in the handwriting of Franklin and John Adams, is still exposed to public view in the same case where the formal document was formerly on exhibition. Strangely enough, the ink on this draft has not faded. The writing is still as clear as it was 125 years ago, when Jefferson and the other members of the Drafting Committee wrote the words that bade defiance to the British crown.

The original of the Constitution of the United States is preserved in the same case with the Declaration. It was written on four large sheets of parchment, each kept in a separate glass-covered drawer. The ink shows no sign of fading. The signatures of George Washington and the other members of the Constitutional Convention are as clear as if they had been just written.

KELLER BETTER'N TAMMANY. Choked Off in a Political Speech at Charities Conference.

John W. Keller, the Tammany Commissioner of Charities, caused a sensation vesterday at the morning session of the New York State Conference of Charities

of the city, with the exception of Mr. Kel-ler's administration, had been denounced in the report and in reply Mr. Keller was in the middle of a denunciation of the Strong administration when he was notified by Mrs. Charles R. Lowell, who presided, that his five-minute period had come to an end. Mr. Keller's speech was therefore cut short. He looked crestfallen, for it has been said that he is relying somewhat on friends in the conference to persuade he Low administration to continue him in his present office, and the occasion seemed be a favorable one for the Commissioner

Several papers and reports were read concerning politics in charitable institu-tions at the morning session. All the speakers said that to-day politics has but little evil effect upon the institutions, but they said that still better results are accom-plished in the counties where the officials

plished in the counties where the officials of the institutions are men appointed through civil service examinations.

The topic of the afternoon was 'banatoria for Consumptives.' Three sessions of the conference will be held to-day. The afternoon meeting will be carried on at the Manhattan Hospital on Ward's Island and an opportunity for inspecting the hospital will be afforded the delegates.

TO PAY EASTMAN'S EXPENSES. Allowance Made for a Man Acquitted of Murder

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Nov. 21. Justices Gaskill and Aiken of the Middlesex Superior Court will establish a new precedent in from Justice Clarke of the Supreme Court | Massachusetts when they order the county | yesterday directing the production in to pay Prof. Charles R. Eastman the sum | court of Ida M Kinnicutt, who, he says, of \$3,000 toward compensating the experts summoned by him to give testimony it his recent trial on the charge of murdering his brother-in-law. Richard H. Grogan, Jr. The decision has not been amounted officially yet, but will be in a day or temperature of the prof. Eastman does not receive the entire

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CRUELTY MEN SEIZE BURRS.

ONE SET FROM THE BITS OF COM-MODORE GERRY'S HORSES.

W. K. Vanderbilt, O. H. P. Belmont, Reginald Rives and a Number of Women of Society Also Lose Sets of Horse Ticklers-Misdemeanor, Says Mr. Haines.

Agents of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals have in two days seized a dozen pairs of "burrs" which they removed from the mouths of horses attached to private carriages waiting outside the Horse Shew for their owners most of whom are well-known men and women of New York.

These burrs, with others lately seized, are tied together and labelled with dates, owners' names and the circumstances of seizure, on the desk of President John P. Haines, in the society building on Madison Square. Eight pairs of the burrs were seized yesterday.

The use of them on horses, Mr. Haines says, is an offence under the penal code and the offenders may be prosecuted; but no complaints had been made in court up to last evening.

The burr, as those who are not harness dealers or horsemen may need to be told, s a circular leather pad about two and one-half inches in diameter, the inside of which is studded with small bunches of stiff bristles about three-eighths of an inch long, or, in some instances, with nails or screws. The burrs are placed just within the cheek pieces of the bits with the spiked side next the horse's cheek, or the skin about the corner of his mouth. When the horse moves his head to either side or either rein is drawn upon, the bristles or spikes or screws prick him, and he champs the ibit, keeps his head up, and looks "stylish.

On Tuesday one of the society's agents, looking over the lines of horses and carlooking over the lines of horses and carriages outside the Garden waiting for their owners to come out of the Horse Show, discovered a pair of burns on the oarriage horses of the Hon. Elbridge T. Gerry, who used to be President of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. He confiscated them.

Alongside these Gerry burns on President Haines's desk there reposed vesterday-if

Haines's desk there reposed yesterday—if burrs may be said to repose—another pair appropriated by the society on the same day, labelled as taken from the horses of Oliver H. P. Belmont when standing out-

side the Horse Show, and a pair described as taken from the horses of Mr. Reed of the Holland House.

The burrs taken yesterday outside the Garden, according to the statements of the various coachmen in charge of the rigs to the Society for the Prevention of Carelly, to Assimply officer, were taken New York State Conference of Charities and Correction when he made some admissions as to the aims and purposes of Tammany Hall.

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"The delegates were astonished, not that Mr. Keller told anything new, but because he owned up to the well-known fact. The statement is all the more remarkable because during the late campaign Mr. Keller was one of the most entrusted the more remarkable because during the late campain in England he was considered the least important of the three Johns, Johnny Carroll and Johnny Sexton being the other members of the trio to whom the Squire had intrusted the management of his damptine in trusted the management of his damptine in trusted the management of the sciety took burrs from carriage had intrusted the management of his description of the sciety took burrs from carriage horses belonging to W. K. Vanderbilt and Givy listitutions of Charity," which was presented by Prof. George P. Canfield. Tammany's influence on the public charities of the city, with the exception of Mr. Keller is administration, had been denounced of bristles to do teitckling act.

taken yesterday had brass screws instead of bristles to do the tickling act.

NO MORE TWO-STORY TURRETS. A Compremise Agreed Upon by the Naval Board on Construction.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21.-The heated conroversy in the Naval Board on Construction over the question of recommending the installation of ordinary turrets or superposed turrets on the battleships which Secretary Long will ask Congress to authorize, was amicably adjusted to-day A compromise was effected by which the ships will have ordinary turrets as recommended by the majority of the board, but certain features of the battery advocated

of Equipment. For a long time he was the only member of the board who held out for turrets of the superposed, or two-story type, and he has been successful in getting the Department to sustain his views. despits the adverse vote against him. Re-cently he had been joined by Capt Charles D. Sigeboe, Chief Naval Intelligence Officer and the junior member of the board. Ap-preciating, apparently, the danger of con-fronting the Naval Committee of both Money with a divided opinion a money the Houses with a divided opinion among the naval experts, thus giving Congress the opportunity of devising a battery arrange-ment of its own. Admiral Bradford proif the majority would come over to his views in regard to other features of the main hattery. After much discussion this was agreed to, and at the next meeting of board the accuragement will be forms

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The plan agreed on will embrace four
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GOV. STONE AROUSED.

Removes Recorder Brown of Pittsburg and Makes Threats Public.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Nov. 21 .- Gov. Stone to-night announced that he had removed Recorder Brown of Pittsburg, put in the office by the Governor through the "Ripper" law, for pernicious political activity. The Governor said that in no other way could he stop removals from office for political reasons. He denied that he was acting in the interest of any political deal or that he was after Senator Quay's seat. He declared that he had not fully approved the "Ripper" features of the new law.

The Governor issued a statement to the people of Pittsburg, which he closed by

"I left Philadelphia yesterday for Harrisburg at 4:30. I found T. S. Bigelow, Esq., on the car, and we talked in a friendly way about Pittsburg matters. I told him it was my intention to remove Recorder Brown and gave him my reasons. He parted from me in a friendly, good humor. About 10 o'clock last night a friend called, somewhat excited, to say that he had seen Mr. Bigelow, who had said to him in substance that if I removed Recorder Brown I would be ruined politically; that during the last Legislature I demanded \$200,000 for signing bills, but finally compromised for \$150,000. which sum was paid me; that the papers had this story with cartoons all prepared to publish the moment I removed Recorder

"This message being purposely sent me I receive in the spirit it is sent, as a threat. I am neither to be influenced by bribes nor intimidated by threats. The story is false. I deny this charge and all other false charges. am not afraid of the papers or their cartoons. If they could ruin me I would have been ruined long ago."

DIES AT THE AGE OF 119. Abraham Elmer of Utlea Would Have Been

120 Had He Lived Until Jan. 26. UTICA, N. Y., Nov. 21.-Abraham Ephraim

believed to have been the oldest man in the United States, died at his home in this city last night. His relatives say he was nearly 120 years old. He had been in feeble health for years, but his mind and memory were good up to last Monday. His son in Wisconsin has the family Bible, and a copy of the record it contains is in the possession of his son in this city. It states that Mr. Elmer was born in the town of Warren, Herkimer county, on Jan. 26, 1782. According to this he would have been

120 years old on the 26th of next January. Mr. Elmer used tobacco from the time he was 10 years old, and up to last week

children, all of whom have preceded him in death. Of his children, four are dead. Two sons, David and Christian, took part in the Civil War and were killed in battle. He is survived by six sons, one daughter, twenty-five grandchildren nine great-grandhildren, and three great-great-grandchildren.

BARNEY'S TUBERCULOSIS TEST.

Cow With Whose Virus Miss King Was

Inocuiated Seized by Health Board. The health authorities of Brooklyn seized yesterday the cow which was recently inoculated with tuberculosis germs by Dr. George D. Barney. To-day the animal will be killed and an autopsy made. Dr. Barney, it will be recalled, some days the minority will be adopted. The re-ort of the board will be unanimous.

Unanimity was made possible by Rear limital R. d. Bradford, Chief of the Bureau

The caw, which, it is said, had then dethe cow, which, it is said, had then de veloped signs of the disease as a result of

its inoculation. His purpose was to prove his theory that consumption can be transmitted from diseased cows to human beings. Should his reasoning prove correct, and should Miss King be stricken with tuberculosis, it is probable. Dr. Barney said last night, that the police will make trouble for him. Steps may be taken against him for endangering

the life of the young woman.
With regard to the cow Dr. Barney said he doubted whether the Health Department had legal power to seize her, as she was kept secluded and her mile not used for food, but as the police were present to lack up the Health people he had no alternative but to let the cow go. "I intended myself," he eald, "to kill the cow in about ten days (time and hold an autopsy on it in the presence of scientific actopey on it is the precious of scarstification and practices deciers to order that the latter resigns somewhat discussed means to have a fine process of the experiments and that the Health Board simulatory or the best upon tunking treather for one. I shall not be settered, however from my parpose of decreased plant to be bettered. Name over from the particular for the statement of the first to the statement of the first transmission of the statement of the s dea that hiterrockess or communication He added that Mor King who was saide

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SEVEN KILLED IN ATHENS RIOT.

ATTEMPT MADE TO ASSASSINATE PREMIER THEOTOKIS.

University Students Precipitate the Trouble -Prefect of Police and Prefect of Athens Slightly Injured -Trouble Due to a Proposed New Gospel Translation. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

ATHENS, Nov. 21 .- A remarkable politicoreligious agitation has kept this city for days past in a state of excitement which has resulted in serious rioting and loss of The ostensible cause of the trouble is the

opposition of the university students and others to the proposal to translate the Gospels into modern Greek and authorize such new version for general use. There is, however, a considerable political element in the movement, involving popular hostility to Slav influences.

In the view of those who oppose the translation Russia is working through Queen Olga against Greek national ideas and the members of the royal family, as well as the Government, are objects of their indignation. The governmental newspapers Akropolis and Asty, which support the translation proposal, also share in this hostility.

The demonstrations have been growing in violence daily and in the course of rioting yesterday about twenty cavalrymen and a few civilians were wounded. This afternoon the students organized a meeting at the ruins of the Temple of Zeus and about twenty thousand persons attended. The Government had supplemented the police with a large force of troops. Disturbances soon began and revolvers were freely used. In the mêlée seven persons were killed and thirty wounded and many persons suffered minor injuries. Some of the rioters who recognized

Premier Theotokis in the street tried to ssassinate him. Several revolver shots were fired at M. Theotokis, but he escaped unharmed. The Prefect of Police and the Prefect of Athens were among those slightly injured.

Strong guards have been posted at the Palace and the residence of the Premier, and also at the offices of the Akropolis and Asty. The students hold the university as their headquarters and have adopted military discipline. Affairs were quieter this evening, but a renewal of the

TOLSTOPS DEATH REPORTED. Confirmation of Despatch—He Has Been Sick for Some Time.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. LONDON, Nov. 21.-A message to the entral News from St. Petersburg reports that Count Tolstoi is dead.

The Central News says that the report needs confirmation. Tolstoi has been sick for some time and a few months ago was thought to be on his deathbed.

SOUGHT DEATH WITH HER CHILD. Shut Herself and Little Girl in the Parlet

and Turned On the Gas. Mrs. Jennie Gerhardt, 28 years old, of 407 Hart street, Brooklyn, endeavored to take her own life and that of her child last night. About a week ago the woman's husband, who is said to be a bookkeeper left her, taking with him some valuable jewelry which belonged to her and all the money that he could place his hands upon.

Mrs. Gerhardt was left penniless. Made desperate by the straits in which she found herself, she shut herself and her six-year-old daughter in the parlor of her six-year-old daughter in the parlor of her home last night and turned on all the gas jets in the room. She first gave the girl some liquor, for the purpose, it is presumed, of stuperying her. Before she had become totally unconscious Mrs. Gerhardt looked around for her daughter and found that she had gone. The little girl had wandered into the kitchen, where she fell insensible. The mother then ran to a neighbor's house, screaming that she had killed her daughter. She fell unconscious in the doorway of the house.

An ambulance was summoned from St. Mary's Hospital, and the two were taker to that institution. It was said last nighthat both would probably die

TEMPERANCE PEOPLE ACCUSED

aw hotel early Wednesday morning. The fire started at exactly 8 A. M. as had two other fires which destroyed Frederick Muller's solour a year ago and George

Arnoli's, six months ago.

These solvons were the only places in Pleasantville where intoxicating liquors could be bought. The liquor question has made lots of trouble recently between the transparance people and those who like whisters and user. The saleon menund whickey and beer. The makes tracement their friends tables that the free were as

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MULLER OUT OF CONGRESS. Resigns on Account of Ill-Health -Special Election Will Be Held

The Hon. Nicholas Muller, Democratic Congressman from the Seventh New York district, including Staten Island and the First and Fifth Assembly districts of Manhattan sent his resignation from Congress to the Secretary of State yesterday. He has resigned because of ill-health. It was said at his home at New Brighton last night that, although not seriously ill, Congressman Muller had not been in very good health for some time and that for that reason he had for some time been contemplating giving up his duties at Washing-

Mr. Muller is 65 years old. He served in the Forty-fifth, Forty-sixth, Fortyeighth, Forty-ninth and Fifty-sixth Congresses and was reëlected to the present

Congress, the Fifty-seventh, in 1900. He was a member of the State Legislature in 1875 and 1876, a Richmond county Police Commissioner from 1888 until 1897, and in 1892 he was appointed Quarantine Commissioner by Gov. Flower.

Gov. Odell will, by proclamation, call a special election for Congressmen in the Seventh district.

PUPILS KILL THEIR TEACHER? Said to Have Stabbed Him to Death With Their Pocket Knives.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Nov. 21.- Four boys who for two years have been pupils in the Cawood, Mo., public schools, are to-night pronounced to be murderers, having, it is alleged, stabbed their teacher, John Montgomery, to death with their pocket knives. The quartet are the sons of prominen families. Their names are Virgil and John

oldest is said to be under 14 years and the youngest 9 years old. Prof. Montgomery endeavored to enforce the discipline of the school to-day when one of the Miller boys violated some minor rule. The pupil defied the teacher and was being soundly thrashed, when the other three boys, it is said, joined in an assault

with open pocket knives. Prof. Montgomery was cut and slashed about the face, legs, arms and several times the blades were plunged into his body. When he was no longer able to resist his assailants they are alleged to have continued to use their knives.

The other pupils were panic-stricken and fled from school and it was by this means that several men were attracted to the scene

BARS WOMEN LAWYERS. Maryland Court of Appeals Shuts the Door to Them.

BALTIMORE, Md., Nov. 21.-Some time go Miss Etta H. Maddox, a talented woman of this city, after graduating at the Law School, failed to obtain permission to take an examination before the Supreme Bench of Maryland for admission to the bar. She took the matter before the State Court of Appeals at Annapolis, which to-day decided against her.

Senator Jacob M. Moses of Baltimore has taken up the matter. It is his intention to introduce a bill when the Legislature convenes giving women the right to practise law in this State. He is himself a successful lawyer of this city.

In the decision the Court of Appeals says it is without power in the matter, quoting a law in the case which uses the masculine pronoun throughout in referring to appli-

TON OF FORCITE BLOWS UP. Two Buildings of Works Destroyed -Whole County Feels the Shock.

Three Fires in Pieasantville, Each at 3 A. M., Each in a Saloon.

There is trouble up in the little town of Pieasantville in Westchester county, where there are about 1.700 inhabitants, exclusive of the inmates of two asylums, over the burning of Martin Douglass's littless in whotel early Wednesday marring. The

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NEW HAVEN STRIKE SPREADS.

SYMPATHETIC OUTBREAKS AT SEVERAL NEW POINTS.

Men in the Yards at New Haven Stopped Work Early Yesterday Morning, and the Stagnation of Freight There is Complete-Trouble at Meriden and Matteawan, Too-Thefts by Employees Here One of the Causes of the Strike, President Hall Says.

While the strike situation in the yards nere of the New York, New Haven and Hartford was somewhat improved yesterday from the railroad company's standpoint there were developments at other points of the system that gave matters a more serious aspect. The employees in the yards at New Haven to the number of 200 struck early yesterday morning in sympathy with the strikers at Mott Haven, and a complete tie-up of the freight at New Haven was the result. Only one train of freight was moved at that point all day, and it was merely run to the steamship wharves by an emergency crew to be forwarded by boat. There was also a symnathetic strike at Meriden, Conn.

Another complication was the absolute refusal of the New Haven company's employees at Matteawan to handle cars brought across the Hudson River by ferry from the West Shore Railroad from Newburgh to be forwarded to Eastern points.

In its yards in and about this city the company put about sixty men at work yesterday in the places of strikers and thus managed to get some of the held-up freight moving. There were also indications that Miller and Roy and Joseph Bedford. The disinterested and other influences were at work which would bring about a settlement before very long.

There has not been the slightest interruption of the passenger service so far, and very little interruption in the handling of local freight anywhere on the system. Yesterday the company's steamboats were carrying cargoes that were limited by the capacity of the vessels only, and so were doing much toward relieving the embargo on throught freight.

Third Vice-Grand Master Val. Fitzpatrick of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, who came on from the West yesterday, called a meeting of the strikers in the Metropolis Theatre building in Willis avenue and told them they should make every effort to settle the strike amicably. He advised them to try to have another conference with the officials of the company. So a committee representing the strikers and not the labor organizations they belonged to had a conference at their request with General Superintendent Platt at Mott Haven. The committee presented the original demands without modificationfor the discharge of Yard Master Smith, Supt. Wardrop and Chief Detective O'Brien -and they were again refused. Mr. Platt

said afterward: "We have within our reach fifty or sixty men, and can get many more to-morrow. We are not hurrying matters. We put enough men to work to carry us along. The through freight is still tied up, though we have made some progress in moving it. All the floats at Piers 45 and 50, North River, have been taken away, and the trains sent

Third Vice-Grand Master Fitzpatrick seemed to be annoyed at the precipitate way in which the strike was launched. "I can hardly have believed," he said, "that the men would have gone out so hastily. It seems to me to be an unorgan-ized strike. If I can't settle matters, so far as my own organization is concerned. I will send for Grand Master Morrissey, who is in Cleveland. I am pleased to hear that Supt. Shepard has not set out to fill Morristown, N. J., Nov. 21.—Two buildings of the American Forcite Powder Company's works at Landing blew up shortly after 6 o'clock this evening. No one was injured. The works were damaged to the extent of about 425 cm. The content of about 425 cm. injured. The works were damaged to the extent of about \$25,000. There was about half a ton of the explosive in each building and the shock was felt in all parts of the county. It is not known what caused the explosion.

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and will try to arbitrate the strike. They are stopping at the Hotel Cadillac, Forty-third street and Eroadway, and had a conference with Third Vice-Grandmaster Fitz-patrick of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen at the Grand Union Hotel. Fitz-patrick is willing to submit the strike to arbitration. Leonard Ames, Second Vice-Grandmaster of the Switchmen's Union of North America, had no objection to arbitrating the matter.

Started to Drive Across a Track Behind the Train and Were Struck by Another.

Goshen, N. Y., Nov. 21—The Eric passenger train, known as the Middletown way, struck and instantly killed three young men at Andrews trossing, near this village at about 8 o'clock to-night. The boys were William and Occar Hassengard They said they had not yet investigated it. Landrigan, besides being deputy gated it Lundrigan, besides being dep

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